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RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

THE
ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
Medical Officer of Health
AND
Surveyor & Chief Public Health
Inspector
FOR THE YEAR
1962



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ANNUAL REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1962

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present my Annual Report on the Health and Sanitary condition of the District for the year 1962.

Although no significant change in the population figure for the District occurred the steady rise which has been evident for several years has continued.

A slight fall in the Birth Rate has occurred but the figure still remains above the National average. The Death Rate has dropped to the same level as it was in 1958, despite an increase in the population of nearly 400.

A pleasing feature to note is again the complete absence of Infant Mortality and it would appear that there has been, with only one exception in 1960, no infant deaths under one year in the last five years.

The District shared in the widespread outbreak of measles which occurred in the second quarter of the year and this accounted for 90% of the incidence of notifiable infectious disease.

The Council passed over its duties to the Nene and Ouse Water Board for the supply of water to the District in April, 1962. At the date of handing over, the supply of mains water was excellent for any Rural District and I understand that the Board are making efforts to provide an alternative supply for the Kimbolton area.

The main sewerage work during this year has been the completion of the Little Paxton and Southoe Scheme. This should have been completed by the 31st March, 1963, but was delayed by the very severe weather from December to March and it is now expected to be in operation before the end of July. The Offord Scheme has been approved by the Ministry in principle and tenders are being invited. Preliminary surveys are being made of other Parishes with a view to formulating a second five year programme at the rate of one scheme per year.

Improvement of the general housing accommodation proceeded satisfactorily during the year, particularly in those villages which have been sewered.

The improvement and extension of the Council Offices which was undertaken during the year has been greatly appreciated by the staff and has considerably improved the administration of the Department.

In conclusion I should like to thank the members of the Council for their consideration and kindness and also all their Officers for their continued help and co-operation.

Your obedient servant,

J. CALDWELL,

Medical Officer of Health.

STAFF.

Medical Officer of Health.

J. CALDWELL, L.R.C.P., L.R.C.S., L.R.F.P. & S., D.P.H.

Chief Public Health Inspector and Surveyor :

M. FAWCETT, M.A.P.H.I., M.R.S.H.

(Telephone St. Neots 402/3 and Buckden 282).

Additional Public Health Inspector and Assistant Surveyor :

W. MURRAY, M.A.P.H.I., A.R.S.H.

(Telephone St. Neots 5)

Water Superintendent :

(Employed by Nene and Ouse Water Board as from 1/4/1962)

W. A. COLES (Telephone: Eaton Socon 314).

STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA.

Area : 52,559 acres (approximately 81 square miles).

Number of inhabited houses at the end of 1962 : 2,488.

Rateable Value of the District : £63,304.

Value of a Penny Rate : £257.

Estimated population (Mid 1961) : 7,710.

Estimated population (Mid 1962) : 7,840.

COMMITTEES CONCERNED WITH PUBLIC HEALTH

Housing, Public Health and Sewerage Committee :

Chairman : Councillor Mrs. A. M. Gibbins.

Water and Sewage Committee : (Discontinued May, 1962)

Chairman : Councillor G. T. Ramplly.

Finance and Rating Committee :

Chairman : Councillor H. Higgins.

Chairman of the Council :

Councillor Mrs. D. M. Peck.

Clerk of the Council :

D. J. Dear.

VITAL STATISTICS.

LIVE BIRTHS

	M.	F.	Total	
Legitimate ..	65	60	125	Crude Birth Rate per 1,000 estimated population .. 17.1
Illegitimate ..	5	4	9	Comparability Factor .. 1.13
				Corrected Birth Rate per 1,000 estimated population 19.3
Total ..	70	64	134	(Ditto for England and Wales) .. 18.0

STILLBIRTHS

Legitimate ..	—	—	—	Rate per 1,000 Total (Live and still) births .. Nil
Illegitimate ..	—	—	—	(Ditto for England and Wales) .. 18.1
Total ..	—	—	—	

DEATHS

(All ages)	38	41	79	Crude Death Rate per 1,000 estimated population .. 10.1
				Comparability Factor .. .91
				Corrected Death Rate per 1,000 estimated population 9.2
				(Ditto for England and Wales) .. 11.9

The following table indicates the trends in the Birth Rate and Death Rate for the district over the past five years and compares them with those for the County of Huntingdon and for England and Wales.

	BIRTH RATE					DEATH RATE				
	1958	1959	1960	1961	1962	1958	1959	1960	1961	1962
St. Neots R.D.C.	18.9	17.9	16.1	21.2	19.3	9.2	8.2	10.7	10.3	9.2
County of Huntingdon	19.8	19.6	19.7	20.6	21.6	10.1	10.1	10.6	10.1	10.4
England & Wales	16.4	16.5	17.1	17.4	18.0	11.7	11.6	11.5	12.0	11.9

DEATHS OF INFANTS UNDER 1 YEAR

	M	F	Total
Legitimate	..	—	—
Illegitimate	..	—	—
Total	..	—	—

DEATH RATES IN INFANTS UNDER 1 YEAR

All infants per 1,000 live births	..	..	..	..	..	Nil
(Ditto for England and Wales)	..	..	..	..	..	20.7

ST. NEOTS RURAL DISTRICT CAUSES OF DEATH (Registrar General's List)

List No.	Cause	Male	Female
1	Tuberculosis, respiratory	..	—
2	Tuberculosis, other	..	—
3	Syphilitic disease	..	—
4	Diphtheria	..	—
5	Whooping cough	..	—
6	Meningococcal infections	..	—
7	Acute Poliomyelitis	..	—
8	Measles	..	—
9	Other infective and parasitic diseases	..	—
10	Malignant neoplasm, stomach	..	2
11	Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus	..	2
12	Malignant neoplasm, breast	..	—
13	Malignant neoplasm, uterus	..	—
14	Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasm	..	8
15	Leukaemia, aleukaemia	..	1
16	Diabetes	..	—
17	Vascular lesions of nervous system	..	3
18	Coronary disease, angina	..	5
19	Hypertension with heart disease	..	—
20	Other heart disease	..	3
21	Other circulatory diseases	..	—
22	Influenza	..	1
23	Pneumonia	..	2
24	Bronchitis	..	3
25	Other diseases of respiratory system	..	1
26	Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	..	—
27	Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea	..	—
28	Nephritis and nephrosis	..	—
29	Hyperplasia of prostate	..	—
30	Pregnancy, childbirth, abortion	..	—
31	Congenital malformations	..	—
32	Other defined and ill-defined diseases	..	5
33	Motor vehicle accidents	..	1
34	All other accidents	..	1
35	Suicide	..	—
36	Homicide and operations of war	..	—
Total all causes		..	38
			41

ST. NEOTS RURAL DISTRICT TUBERCULOSIS.

Total Number on Register at 31st December, 1962 : 27

Pulmonary 25

Non-pulmonary 2

Age Periods	New Cases Diagnosed				New Cases—Transfers			
	Respiratory.		Non-Res.		Respiratory.		Non-Res	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
0								
1								
5	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—
10								
15								
20								
25	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—
35								
45								
55								
65 & Upwards	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Totals ..	1	—	—	—	—	1	1	—

No action was found to be necessary under the Public Health (Prevention of Tuberculosis) Regulations, 1952, in connection with persons suffering from pulmonary tuberculosis employed in the milk trade, or under Section 172 of the Public Health Act, 1936, which deals with the compulsory removal to hospital of persons suffering from tuberculosis.

ST. NEOTS RURAL DISTRICT CONTROL OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES

Total cases
Notified.

Scarlet Fever	.. ..	3
Whooping Cough	.. ..	1
Diphtheria	.. ..	—
Measles	.. ..	132
Acute Pneumonia	.. ..	6
Puerperal Pyrexia	.. ..	2
Typhoid Fever	.. ..	—
Erysipelas	.. ..	2
Acute Poliomyelitis	.. ..	—
Infective Hepatitis	.. ..	—
Food Poisoning	.. ..	—
Dysentery	.. ..	—
Total	.. ..	146

ST. NEOTS RURAL DISTRICT GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE AREA

(a) Laboratory Facilities.

The following Laboratory facilities have been available to this authority and to General Practitioners in the area :

Public Health Laboratory Service, Tennis Court Road, Cambridge.
Tel. Cambridge 55526.

Public Analyst, (S. Greenburgh, Ph.D., B.Sc., F.I.C.), Tennison Road, Cambridge. Tel.: Cambridge 2097.

(b) Ambulance Services

Ambulances administered by the County Ambulance Service, operating in conjunction with the County Fire Service, have been available on doctors' orders (Tel. Huntingdon 348).

(c) Home Nursing

Nurse-Midwives employed and supervised by the Huntingdon County Council carried out Home Nursing and attended Maternity cases in the District :

- (i) 2 Nurse/Midwives residing in Great Staughton (Tel.: Kimbolton 315) attended cases in Grafham, Great Staughton, Hail Weston, Perry, Catworth, Covington, Kimbolton and Tilbrook.
- (ii) A Nurse residing in Eltisley (Tel. Croxton 210) attended cases in Great Paxton, The Offords, Toseland, Yelling, Great Gransden, Waresley and Abbotsley.
- (iii) A Nurse residing in Brampton (Tel. Huntingdon 779) attended cases in Buckden and Diddington.
- (iv) Little Paxton and Southoe were attended by a Nurse living in St. Neots (Tel. St. Neots 215).

(d) Clinics and Treatment Centres

- (i) The following Health Services were provided by the Huntingdon County Council :—

Clinic	Patients seen	When held	Where held
Minor Allments	Schoolchildren	1st Thursday in month, 10—11.30 a.m.	The Clinic, Almond Rd., St. Neots.
		1st Friday in month 10.30—11.30 a.m.	Village Hall, Gt. Staughton.
		Every Monday, 9.30—10.30 a.m.	Health Clinic, Nursery Road, Huntingdon.
Infant Welfare	Children (0—5 years)	Thursday, 2—4 p.m.,	The Clinic, Almond Rd., St. Neots.
		3rd Monday in month, 2—4 p.m.	Mandeville Hall, Kimbolton.
		3rd Tuesday in month, 2—4 p.m.	Methodist Schoolroom, Buckden.
		1st Friday in month, 2—4 p.m.	Village Hall, Gt. Staughton.
Dental	Pre-School and School- children.	Every Tuesday and Thursday, 9 a.m. —12 noon, 1.30— 4.30 p.m.	The Clinic, Almond Rd., St. Neots.
	Pre-Natal and Nursing Mothers.	Every Tuesday 9—12 noon, 1.30—4.30 p.m. Every Saturday 9—12 noon.	Health Clinic, Nursery Rd., Huntingdon.

- (ii) The following Health Services are provided by the Regional Hospital Board :

Clinic	Patients seen	When held	Where held
Chest	All ages.	Every Thursday, 10 a.m.—12 noon.	County Hospital, Huntingdon.

Venereal Diseases	All cases	Tuesday 3—6.30 p.m. Thursday 4—6.30 p.m.	Addenbrooke's Hospital, Cambridge.
	Males	Mondays 4.30—6.30 p.m. Tuesday 5.30—7 p.m.	Out-patients Department,
	Females & Children	Tuesday 10.30—12.30 p.m. Thursday 4.30—6.30 p.m.	Memorial Hospital, Peterborough.

Orthopaedic	Pre-School and School- children.	Every Monday (Sister) 10 a.m.—12 noon.	The Clinic, Almond Rd., St. Neots.
		2nd & 4th Tuesday (Surgeon by appoint- ment) 10 a.m. — 12 noon.	Health Clinic, Nursery Rd., Huntingdon.

(iii) The following service is provided under the Supplementary Ophthalmic Scheme of the National Health Service :

Clinic	Patients seen	When held	Where held
Ophthalmic	Pre-School and School- children.	1st & 3rd Fridays in month (by appoint- ment except in emergency). 10 a.m.— 12 noon, 2-3 p.m.	Health Clinic, Nursery Rd., Huntingdon.

Medical, Surgical, Orthopaedic, Paediatric, Skin, Obstetrical, Gynaecological and Dental Out-Patient Clinics are held at Huntingdon County Hospital and Addenbrooke's Hospital, Cambridge, to which General Practitioners can refer their patients for specialist investigation.

(c) Hospital Services

Fever—Cases of infectious diseases requiring hospital treatment are admitted to Isolation Hospitals at Cambridge, Peterborough and Ely. General Hospital Services are provided by the County Hospital, Huntingdon, and Addenbrooke's Hospital, Cambridge.

Maternity Cases are admitted to Primrose Lane Maternity Hospital, Huntingdon, and Mill Road Hospital, Cambridge.

REPORT OF CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR—YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1962.

WATER SUPPLY

On the 1st April, 1962, the Nene and Ouse Water Board came into operation and from that date onwards the Rural District Council has only been acting as their agents. It is hoped that a complete takeover will have taken place before the end of the year.

The 75,000 gallon water tower at Perry was completed early in 1962 as also was the 6 inch main from Perry to Dillington Cross Roads.

In addition 120 yards of new 3 inch water main has been laid at the Paxton Park Building Estate.

Pumping tests have been carried out in the vicinity of the Diddington source to ascertain whether or not it is possible to extend this supply still further to supply the increase in demand in the Rural District.

During the year the Great Ouse Water Authority commenced operations in connection with the Diddington Reservoir and the closest co-operation has been maintained with this Authority in many aspects of this work. I think it is a great pity that the Nene and Ouse Water Board have not made a much larger reservation from this scheme as suggested by the St. Neots Rural District Council. Water consumption in the whole of the area is constantly

increasing and I think in years to come a large reserve supply in the middle of the area such as this will be absolutely necessary.

The water supply to the whole of the Rural District is satisfactory as regards quality and is generally satisfactory with regard to quantity except in the area supplied from the reservoir at Raunds. The improvement of this supply, is in my opinion, top priority for the Nene and Ouse Water Board. The Rural District Council have done everything possible to improve the supply within this district and the next step is to improve the supply at source.

There were 58 burst water mains repaired during the year—24 of these on the Kimbolton scheme, 11 on the Abbotsley, 3 on the Great Staughton and 20 on the Buckden scheme. A further 47 communication pipes were repaired. Most of the bursts were due to exterior corrosion of iron pipes or fittings, or cracked mains due to ground movement.

2429 properties are now supplied with mains water, leaving only 59 houses in outlying districts not enjoying this service. 37 houses were connected to the mains during the year and water was extended inside 18 houses from outside standpipes.

MAIN PIPED SUPPLIES

Source of Supply.	Parishes Supplied.	Daily Consumption.
a. South Cambs.	Abbotsley, Waresley, Gt. Gransden, Tetworth and Part of Eynesbury Hardwicke and St. Neots Rural.	44,000 galls.
b. Raunds U.D.C.	Kimbolton, Covington, Catworth, Tilbrook and Stow Longa.	65,000 galls.
c. Diddington (St. Neots R.D.C.)	Buckden, Diddington, Southoe, Grafham, Lt. Paxton, Hail Weston, Offords, Gt. Paxton, Toseland, Yelling and parts of Perry.	152,000 galls.
d. Staughton Moor (St. Neots R.D.C.)	Gt. Staughton and parts of Perry	16,000 galls. (estimated)
e. St. Neots U.D.C.	Parts of St. Neots Rural and Eynesbury Hardwicke.	Not known

H.M. Borstal Institution, Gaynes Hall, has been supplied entirely from Diddington.

The amount of water supplied for all purposes increased by 2 gallons per head per day, to 36 gallons; of which it is estimated that 14 gallons per head per day was for non-domestic supplies.

ANNUAL RAINFALL at Great Gransden Hall, 19.48 inches. Rain fell on 145 days. As last year it may be regarded as a rather dry year, particularly in June. I wish to thank E. W. R. Bolden, Esq., for this information.

BACTERIOLOGICAL EXAMINATIONS OF RAW WATER.

6 satisfactory and 6 unsatisfactory samples were obtained from the Diddington well supply. Staughton Moor supply receives no treatment.

BACTERIOLOGICAL EXAMINATIONS ON TREATED WATER.

Satisfactory samples were obtained during the year as follows:—South Cambs. R.D.C. 11 samples, Raunds U.D.C. 13 samples, Diddington 18 samples, Great Staughton 11 samples.

In addition, unsatisfactory or doubtful samples were obtained as follows:—Buckden 4, Abbotsley 1. Repeat samples were immediately obtained and the bad samples could be accounted for either by unsterile sample bottles or burst water mains. 2 of

the bad samples were obtained from the water tower at Gaynes Hall. Samples taken from the mains at the same time were satisfactory. Action was taken to clean and chlorinate the tower. All repeat samples were entirely satisfactory.

CHEMICAL ANALYSIS.

2 samples of water were taken during the year. 1 of these was from the Buckden Regional Water scheme and the other 1 from Great Staughton water scheme. Both samples were satisfactory.

PRIVATE WELLS.

Wells cleansed and repaired, nil. Wells closed as polluted, nil. Private samples taken, none.

SWIMMING POOLS.

The 5 private swimming pools in this area appear to have been maintained in a satisfactory condition.

At the end of the year a conference was called by the County Medical Officer of Health concerning the proposal of the Education Authorities to provide small instructional swimming pools at certain schools in the County. Agreement was reached as to the day to day responsibility for the quality of the water and an occasional check by the Public Health Department.

STATISTICS OF WATER SUPPLIES, W.C.'s, E.C.'s, BATHS, ETC. FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1962.

Parish	No. of Houses	Mains Inside	Mains Stand	Private Supply	W.C.s	E.C.s.	Baths
			Pipe				
Abbotsley	97	96	—	1	63	34	62
Buckden	356	350	2	4	325	31	265
Catworth	96	89	4	3	48	48	49
Covington	30	26	1	3	24	6	22
Diddington	45	45	—	—	8	37	7
Eynesbury Hardwicke	34	34	—	—	23	11	24
Grafham	70	70	—	—	25	45	26
Gransden Great	178	172	3	3	127	51	130
Hall Weston	100	97	3	—	60	40	70
Kimbolton	290	288	2	—	270	20	243
Offord Cluny	109	99	5	5	69	40	72
Offord Darcy	108	101	4	3	64	44	67
Paxton Great	127	127	—	—	89	38	93
Paxton Little	136	133	—	3	125	11	128
St. Neots Rural	20	20	—	—	18	2	16
Southoe-Midloe	85	75	6	4	34	51	43
Staughton Great	280	264	7	9	207	73	201
Stow Longa	33	33	—	—	19	14	21
Tetworth	32	22	—	10	25	7	25
Tilbrook	80	78	1	1	62	18	63
Toseland	43	37	5	1	9	34	10
Waresley	61	55	—	6	42	19	46
Yelling	78	75	—	3	34	44	42
TOTAL 1962 :	2488	2386	43	59*	1770	718	1725
TOTAL 1961 :	2475	2349	61	65	1664	811	1653
Differences :	+13	+37	-18	-6	+106	-93	+72

* 32 of these houses have a supply inside the house.

97.63% of houses have a mains supply.

95.90% have a mains supply inside the house.

97.20% of houses have a supply inside the house.

71.10% have a W.C.

69.30% have a bath.

SEWERS AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL.

During 1962 the laying of new sewers on Little Paxton and Southoe was virtually completed, but the pumping stations and house drains connections were not completed. These were progressing at the end of the year and were then held up by adverse weather conditions. The main part of Little Paxton village was sending sewage for treatment to the Urban District Council works at the end of the year as the small housing site sewage plant was altered and put into operation as the main pumping station for Little Paxton.

The proposed sewerage system for the parishes of Offord Darcy and Offord Cluny was revised by the Consulting Engineers during the year and made to include the Mill Lane area of Buckden parish. The revised proposals were submitted to the Ministry with a request for permission to proceed in 1963 and a further visit by a Ministry Inspector was to be made early in 1963.

5 of the 23 parishes in the Council's area have now been sewered and a further 5 year programme has been decided upon to follow the sewerage of the Offords in 1963. The parishes to be sewered under the 2nd five year programme are Hail Weston, Yelling, Grafham, Diddington and a joint scheme for the parishes of Abbotsley, Waresley and Great Gransden.

Much work has been carried out during 1962 covering the provision of water closets in the parishes now sewered. The Council have served notices under Section 47 of the Public Health Act, 1936, requiring water closets at all properties on the lines of the sewer except in cases such as houses which have been condemned, etc. Once again every effort has been made to exclude surface water from the new sewers to keep down costs.

At the end of the year consultations were still in progress with the Great Ouse Water Authority regarding the sewerage of the hamlet of Perry, possibly in conjunction with the new houses and treatment works to be erected for this authority. It is hoped that satisfactory arrangements will be made to avoid unnecessary duplication of works.

Close contact has been maintained with the Pollution Officer of the Great Ouse River Board and several plans received have been referred to his department for observations and action. The Council have also made application for existing discharges of sewage effluents in the parishes of Great Paxton, Great Gransden, Hail Weston, Offord Cluny, Catworth, Stow Longa, Abbotsley and Yelling under the terms of the Rivers (Prevention of Pollution) Act, 1961.

2 piped sewers received attention during the year. Sewage works on the Council's housing sites are regularly dealt with by the Council's cesspool emptier, as one day per week is set aside for this work. 2 repairs were carried out to sewage works. 53 private cesspools and 156 Council cesspools or sewerage tanks were cleansed during the year.

PUBLIC CLEANSING.

There have been no changes in the public cleansing scheme outlined in the 1958 report. Labour difficulties occur from time to time and in my opinion the rates of pay offered for this kind of work is inadequate to attract the best type of labour. Nevertheless the existing staff have carried out their duties extremely well in spite of various difficulties.

The average cost of dealing with each dustbin or pail is now approximately 1/-, which is an increase of 1d. The number of E.C.'s collected is steadily falling due to W.C. conversions but the length of journeys does not diminish in proportion.

LITTER. 1

I am still of the opinion that there is no real nuisance caused by litter in the Council's area.

OFFICES.

A much needed improvement of the Council's offices was undertaken during the year and there is now sufficient suitable accommodation for all members of the staff. The old offices were so badly arranged that several of the offices were public passages and it was necessary to pass from one office into the open air to get to other offices. The Council have therefore set a good example in readiness for the operation of the new Offices Act.

PETROLEUM STORAGE LICENCES.

62 Licences were issued for the year 1962.

MOVEABLE DWELLINGS.

6 Caravan site licences covering a further 10 caravans were issued during 1962 under the Caravan Sites and Control of Development Act, 1960. Follow up inspections have been made with regard to all existing licences and as a result several licenced caravans left the area or were left un-occupied. All of the licences were generally complied with except in two cases where there were certain practical difficulties. In each of these cases the Council granted an extension of time to enable the works to be carried out and it is hoped that these conditions will have been complied with early in 1963.

COUNCIL HOUSE MAINTENANCE.

1,903 inspections were made and 802 orders were issued for repairs. All these repairs are carried out by private builders and contractors. A scheme of bathroom improvements at four houses in Great Gransden was completed during the year and a tender was accepted for a further four such improvements at council houses in Toseland which will be started early in 1963. Schemes were approved for bathroom improvements at 18 houses in Southoe and subsequently approved by the Ministry towards the end of 1962 and work on this contract will commence as soon as the pumping station is ready to receive sewage. A scheme is in preparation for the improvement of four houses in Stow Longa. One extra garage has been built at Great Gransden. The re-wiring of some old type council houses has been necessary and also steps will be taken when the opportunity occurs to improve the wiring facilities available at pre-war type council houses.

NEW BUILDINGS.

112 plans of new buildings or alterations were deposited and 1,062 visits were made to inspect works in progress. Much more time has to be devoted to this work at present due to the amount of work in progress.

MILK AND DAIRIES.

The County Council are responsible for issuing licences for designated milks. There is no change to report with regard to the number of dairies in the district. One complaint of a dirty milk bottle was investigated and as a result a Sub Committee was appointed to inspect the wholesale dairy concerned although this was situated outside the Council's area. The Sub Committee were quite satisfied with the conditions found at the dairy in spite of extensive alterations which were then taking place.

CARCASSES & OFFAL INSPECTED & CONDEMNED IN WHOLE OR PART

	Cattle Excluding Cows Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs	Horses
Number killed (if known)	105	Nil	Nil	337	103	Nil
Number inspected	105	Nil	Nil	337	103	Nil
All diseases except Tuberculosis and Cysticerci.						
Whole carcasses condemned	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	12	Nil	Nil	2	4	Nil
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than tuberculosis and cysticerci	11 %	Nil	Nil	1 %	4 %	Nil
Tuberculosis only.						
Whole carcasses condemned	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Percentage of the number inspected affected with tuberculosis	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Cysticercosis.						
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Carcasses submitted to treatment by refrigeration	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Generalised and totally condemned	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil

FOOD INSPECTIONS, INCLUDING SLAUGHTERHOUSES.

40 Inspections of food premises were made. Generally there is no change in circumstances previously outlined and 1 cwt. 85 lbs. of foodstuffs were condemned as unfit for human consumption. Three samples of ice cream were submitted for bacteriological examination and were reported as grade 1. 107 visits were paid to the slaughterhouse for the purpose of meat inspection. The licences of four slaughtermen were renewed on the 1st October, 1962. During the year the new slaughterhouse at Kimbolton was completed and licenced from the 1st January, 1963.

3 Informal Food and Drug Act Notices were served and two of these were subsequently complied with. The outstanding case concerns an unsatisfactory butcher's shop in the district and negotiations are now proceeding with the owner for the re-building of the premises as a new structure. It is hoped that a further new butchers will be made by converting existing premises in another village.

NEW HOUSING.

No new Council houses were completed during 1962 but two bungalows were almost finished at Great Staughton at the end of the year. The Council, therefore, still own 509 houses plus 20 pre-fabricated bungalows.

28 new private enterprised houses were completed during the year and one further house provided by conversion.

At the end of 1962 the Council were considering a further building programme in Great Paxton, Kimbolton, Grafham and Buckden.

Negotiations were also taking place for the Rural District Council to acquire and improve the Almshouses at Kimbolton.

HOUSING INSPECTIONS.

22 standard or discretionary improvement grant schemes were completed during 1962 making a total of 241 houses upon which grants have been paid since the dates of the Acts. Many other schemes have been approved and are in progress.

Further progress has been made in dealing with unfit houses either formally or informally under the Housing Acts or Public Health Acts. The number of houses demolished has also been satisfactory and generally speaking the Council's method of dealing with the housing problems is eminently suitable for a Rural area like this.

HOUSING APPLICATIONS.

The annual revision of the housing waiting list shows there are a total of 103 applicants. 19 of these have no separate home (newlyweds, rooms, caravans, etc.) and 20 of these were requests to transfer existing Council house tenancies to either smaller or larger houses. Invariably the Allocation Committee consider the transfer of existing tenancies when allocating any Council houses and during the year one exchange of Council house tenancy from outside the area was made.

HOUSING TABLE

1. Inspection of Dwelling-houses during the year :—

(1) (a) Total number of dwelling-houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts) ..	410
(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose ..	817
(2) Total number of dwelling-houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation ..	3
(3) Number of dwellinghouses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-head) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation ..	39

2. Remedy of Defects during the year without Service of Formal Notices:—

(a) Number of defective dwelling-houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their Officers, excluding those dealt with by Improvement Grants	25
(b) Number of dwelling-houses rendered fit with the assistance of Improvement Grants ..	22

3. Action under Statutory Powers during the year :—

(A) Proceedings under Sections 9, 10, 16 and 24 of the Housing Act, 1957 :—

(1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs ..	Nil
(2) Number of dwelling-houses which were rendered fit after service of formal notices :—	
(a) By owners ..	Nil
(b) By Local Authority in default of owners ..	Nil

(B) Proceedings under Public Health Acts :—

(1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied ..	22
(2) Number of dwelling-houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices :—	
(a) By owners ..	67
(b) By Local Authority in default of owners ..	Nil

(C) Proceedings under Sections 17, 26 and 28 of the Housing Act, 1957 :—

(1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made ..	3
(2) Number of dwelling-houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders ..	17
(3) Number of houses closed during the year ..	1
(4) Number of families displaced during the year ..	6

(D) Proceedings under Section 17 of the Housing Act, 1957 :—

(1) Number of houses in respect of which Closing Orders were made ..	Nil
(2) Number of houses in respect of which Closing Orders were determined, having been rendered fit ..	1

(E) Proceedings under Part III of the Housing Act, 1957 :—

CLEARANCE AREAS :—

(1) Number of Clearance Areas declared during the year	..	Nil
(2) Total number of houses included in (1) above	...	Nil
(3) Number of houses included by reason of unfitness for human habitation	...	Nil
(4) Number of houses included by reason of bad arrangement, etc.	...	Nil
(5) Number of families displaced during the year	..	Nil
(6) Number of houses demolished during the year	..	Nil

4. Housing Act, 1957—Part IV, Overcrowding :—

(a)	(i) Number of dwellings overcrowded at the end of the year	1
	(ii) Number of families dwelling therein	1
	(iii) Number of persons dwelling therein	4
(b)	Number of new cases of overcrowding reported during the yr.	1
(c)	(i) Number of cases of overcrowding relieved during the yr.	1
	(ii) Number of persons concerned in such cases	6
(d)	Particulars of any cases in which dwelling-houses have again become overcrowded after the Local Authority have taken steps for the abatement of overcrowding	Nil
(e)	Any other particulars with respect to overcrowding conditions upon which the Medical Officer of Health may consider it desirable to report	—

During the year quite a number of transfers of Council house tenancies were arranged which enabled a number of cases of overcrowding and under occupation of Council houses to be satisfactorily dealt with. Whenever a Council house is vacant the Housing Allocation Committee always pay regard to this possibility with a view to making the best possible use of existing Council house accommodation.

PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS ACT, 1949

REPORT FOR 12 MONTHS ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1962.

No. of houses inspected : 562.

No. of houses treated and cleared : 361.

Total No. of properties inspected	Total No. of major rat infesta- tions found	Total No. of minor rat infesta- tions found	No. of mice infesta- tions found	No. of in- fested pro- perties treated	No. of notices served under Section 4
881	1	67	5	68	Nil

FACTORIES ACT, 1961

1.—INSPECTIONS for purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections made by Public Health Inspectors).

Premises (1)	Number on Register (2)	Number of :— Inspec- tions (3)	Written notices (4)	Occupiers prosecuted (5)
(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities ..	20	9	Nil	Nil
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority ..	39	Nil	Nil	Nil
(iii) Other Premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding outworkers' premises) ..	6	—	Nil	Nil
Total ..	65	9	Nil	Nil

Arising out of the above inspections no defects were noted. Many visits are made to building sites for Building Byelaw purposes and these are not included in the above table of inspections but nevertheless the opportunity is taken of checking the sanitary accommodation available for the workmen.

OUTWORKERS.

Number of outworkers on February list required by Section 110 were as follows :—

Wearing Apparel, Making, etc. ..	4
Stuffed toys	3
Total ..	7

No cases of default in sending in lists were known, there were no prosecutions and no instances of work in unwholesome premises.

ANALYSIS OF INSPECTIONS MADE :—

Housing	..	249
Council House Maintenance	..	1903
Houses, etc., Under P.H. Act, 1936	..	568
Supervision erection of new buildings	..	1062
Sewers and Sewage Disposal	..	355
Post-war housing	..	111
Drains Tested	..	201
Water Supply	..	100
Refuse Collection and Disposal	..	37
Food Premises, Vehicles, etc.	..	40
Rats and Mice (Inspectors and Operator)	..	896
Miscellaneous	..	261
Moveable Dwellings	..	164
Factories (No Power)	..	9
Housing Applications	..	24
Petroleum	..	17
Slaughterhouses	..	107
Overcrowding	..	1
Ice Cream samples taken	..	3
Water samples taken (Chemical)	..	2
Water Samples taken (Bacteriological)	..	70

